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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:		Chapter 11
BLOCKFI INC., et al.,	Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)
	Deolors.	(Jointly Administered)

# NOTICE OF REVISED PROPOSED FINAL ORDER ON ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PROCEDURES MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 19, 2022, the Debtors filed their *Debtors'*Motion for Entry of an Administrative Fee Order Establishing Procedures for the Allowance of

Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals Retained by Order of this

Court [Docket No. 123] (the "Administrative Fee Procedures Motion"), which attached as an

exhibit a proposed final order granting the requested relief (the "Proposed Final Order").

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The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors' service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors have revised the Proposed Final

Order, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Revised Proposed Final Order").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is the Revised

Proposed Final Order redlined against the Proposed Final Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a final hearing on the Administrative Fee

Procedures Motion will be conducted on January 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), as set

forth in the *Notice of Adjournment of Hearing* [Docket No. 186] (the "Notice of Adjournment")

filed on January 4, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that no objections have been filed to the

Administrative Fee Procedures Motion, and the changes on the Revised Proposed Final Order

reflect comments received, to the extent applicable, from the Official Committee of Unsecured

Creditors and the U.S. Trustee.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Administrative Fee Procedures

Motion, any responses thereto filed on the bankruptcy docket, and the Notice of Adjournment may

be obtained on the Debtors' claims and noticing agent website at

https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/blockfi.

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Dated: January 12, 2023 /s/ Michael D. Sirota

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# Exhibit A

**Revised Proposed Final Order** 

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Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

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ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS RETAINED BY ORDER OF THIS COURT

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Upon consideration of the motion (the "Motion")<sup>1</sup> of BlockFi Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), pursuant to sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Rule 2016-3, for entry of an administrative order establishing procedures for the allowance and payment of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses of certain professionals retained by Order of this Court; and the Court having jurisdiction to decide the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28. U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b) and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, dated September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and notice of the Motion having been given as provided in the Motion, and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Motion need be provided; and the Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the "Hearing"); and upon the First Day Declaration and Second Day Declaration, the record of the Hearing, and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

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# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
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# (A) Monthly Fee Statements.

- 1. Not later than the 25th day of the month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Professional seeking compensation under the administrative fee order must file and serve, by electronic transmission, hand delivery, or overnight delivery, or by any means directed by the Court, a monthly fee and expense statement (a "Monthly Fee Statement") on the following parties:
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ii. Haynes and Boone, LLP as Debtors' co-counsel:

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- ix. any party requesting notice of all proceedings; and
- x. any other party designated by the Court.
- 2. Unless otherwise provided in the order authorizing the Professional's retention, each Professional's Monthly Fee Statement, in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rules 2016-1 and 2016-3, shall include a monthly invoice with fee and expense detail that describes the fees and expenses incurred by such Professional in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the District of New Jersey and the Guidelines established by the Office of the United States Trustee (the "UST Guidelines").
- 3. Time spent traveling without actively working on the Chapter 11 Cases shall be billed at 50% of the Professional's normal hourly rate.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in the Professional's specific retention orders, all timekeepers must contemporaneously maintain time entries, in increments of tenths (1/10th) of an hour, for each individual.
- 5. All Monthly Fee Statements shall comply with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the UST Guidelines and applicable law.

## (B) Objections.

An objection to a Monthly Fee Statement must be filed and served on the applicable Professional and the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) not later than 14 days after service of the Monthly Fee Statement. The objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees and expenses at issue. Grounds for objection include: (i) the Debtors' failure to timely file monthly operating reports; and (ii) the Debtors' failure to remain current with administrative expenses and fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

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# (C) Payments.

- 1. On the expiration of the objection deadline under subdivision (B), a Professional may file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) Local Form Certification of No Objection or Local Form Certification of Partial Objection, and then receive 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection. No payments shall be made to a Professional until the Professional's retention is approved by the Court. A Professional may seek authorization as part of its next interim or final fee application to receive the remaining 20% of fees not subject to an objection. If the Debtors receive an objection to a particular Monthly Fee Statement, the Debtors shall withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Fee Statement to which the objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth in this subdivision.
- 2. If the parties resolve an objection and if the applicable Professional files and serves on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) a statement indicating that the objection is withdrawn and describing the terms of the resolution, the Debtors may pay in accordance with subdivision (C)(1) that portion of the monthly fee statement which is no longer subject to an objection.
- 3. If the parties are unable to resolve an objection not later than 14 days after the deadline for filing an objection under subdivision (B), the Professional may either (i) file a response to the objection together with a request for payment of the fees and expenses to which the objection applies and schedule a hearing on at least 14 days' notice; or (ii) forgo payment of those fees and expenses until the next interim or final fee application or another date directed by the court.
- 4. The service of an objection to a Monthly Fee Statement shall not prejudice the objecting party's right to object to any Interim Fee Application (as defined below) or final fee application made to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code on any ground whether raised in an objection or not. Failure by a party listed in subdivision (A)(1) to object to a Monthly Fee Statement shall not constitute a waiver of any kind nor prejudice that party's right to object to any Interim Fee Application (as defined below) or final fee application.

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# (D) <u>Fee Applications.</u>

- 1. A Professional who has received monthly payments under this Order must, at four-month intervals (the "<u>Interim Fee Period</u>") or such other intervals directed by the Court, file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) an interim application under § 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for allowance of the compensation and reimbursement of the expenses sought in the Monthly Fee Statements issued during the applicable period (the "Interim Fee Application").
- 2. Interim Fee Applications must be filed and served on or before the 45th day after the end of the Interim Fee Period for which the application seeks allowance of fees and reimbursement of expenses. The Interim Fee Application must include a summary of the Monthly Fee Statements that are the subject of the request and any other information requested by the Court or required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, applicable Third Circuit Law, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and the UST Guidelines.
- 3. The pendency of an objection or the entry of a Court order holding that the prior payment of compensation or the reimbursement of expenses was improper as to a particular Monthly Fee Statement will not disqualify a Professional from the future payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses as set forth above, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- 4. Any Professional who fails to file an Interim Fee Application when due will be ineligible to receive further interim payments of fees or expenses under the Compensation Procedures until such time as the Interim Fee Application is submitted.
- 5. Neither (i) the payment of or the failure to pay, in whole or in part, interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses under the Compensation Procedures nor (ii) the filing of, or failure to file, an objection to any Monthly Fee Statement to any Interim Fee Application will bind any party in interest or the Court with respect to the final applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of Professionals.

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6. Any party under subdivision (A)(1) may request that a Professional deliver a Monthly Fee Statement or an Interim Fee Application in an electronically searchable format mutually acceptable to the parties.

- 3. All Professionals that are law firms shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. Section 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of November 1, 2013, in connection with any Monthly Fee Statements, Interim Fee Applications and final fee applications to be filed in these Chapter 11 Cases. All Professionals that are law firms shall provide any and all Monthly Fee Statements, Interim Fee Applications and final fee applications in "LEDES" format to the U.S. Trustee.
- 4. The Debtors shall include all payments to Professionals on their monthly operating reports, detailed to state the amount paid to each Professional.
- 5. Time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
- 6. Each member of the Committee shall be permitted to submit statements of expenses (excluding third-party counsel expenses of individual Committee members) and supporting vouchers to the Committee's counsel, which counsel will collect and submit the Committee members' requests for reimbursement in accordance with the Compensation Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision only permits the committee member to request reimbursement and does not extend to any representative purporting to act on behalf of the committee member.

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7. All fees and expenses paid to Professionals are subject to disgorgement until such time as they are allowed pursuant to a final Order of this Court.

- 8. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out this Order.
- 9. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.

# Exhibit B

Redline of Revised Proposed Final Order

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- ix. any party requesting notice of all proceedings; and
- x. any other party designated by the Court.
- 2. Unless otherwise provided in the order authorizing the Professional's retention, each Professional's Monthly Fee Statement, in accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rules 2016-1 and 2016-3, shall include a monthly invoice with fee and expense detail that describes the fees and expenses incurred by such Professional in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the District of New Jersey and the Guidelines established by the Office of the United States Trustee (the "UST Guidelines").
- 3. Time spent traveling without actively working on the Chapter 11 Cases shall be billed at 50% of the Professional's normal hourly rate.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in the Professional's specific retention orders, all timekeepers must contemporaneously maintain time entries, in increments of tenths (1/10th) of an hour, for each individual.
- 5. All Monthly Fee Statements shall comply with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the UST Guidelines and applicable law.

## (B) Objections.

An objection to a Monthly Fee Statement must be filed and served on the applicable Professional and the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) not later than 14 days after service of the Monthly Fee Statement. The objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees and expenses at issue. Grounds for objection include: (i) the Debtors' failure to timely file monthly operating reports; and (ii) the Debtors' failure to remain current with administrative expenses and fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

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# (C) <u>Payments.</u>

- 1. On the expiration of the objection deadline under subdivision (B), a Professional may file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) Local Form Certification of No Objection or Local Form Certification of Partial Objection, and then receive 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection. No payments shall be made to a Professional until the Professional's retention is approved by the Court. A Professional may seek authorization as part of its next interim or final fee application to receive the remaining 20% of fees not subject to an objection. If the Debtors receive an objection to a particular Monthly Fee Statement, the Debtors shall withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Fee Statement to which the objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth in this subdivision (C)(1).
- 2. If the parties resolve an objection and if the applicable Professional files and serves on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) a statement indicating that the objection is withdrawn and describing the terms of the resolution, the Debtors may pay in accordance with subdivision (C)(1) that portion of the monthly fee statement which is no longer subject to an objection.
- 3. If the parties are unable to resolve an objection not later than 14 days after the deadline for filing an objection under subdivision (bB), the Professional may either (i) file a response to the objection together with a request for payment of the fees and expenses to which the objection applies and schedule a hearing on at least 14 days' notice; or (ii) forgo payment of those fees and expenses until the next interim or final fee application or another date directed by the court.
- 4. The service of an objection to a Monthly Fee Statement shall not prejudice the objecting party's right to object to any Interim Fee Application (as defined below) or final fee application made to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code on any ground whether raised in an objection or not. Failure by a party listed in subdivision (A)(1) to object to a Monthly Fee Statement shall not constitute a

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waiver of any kind nor prejudice that party's right to object to any Interim Fee Application (as defined below) or final fee application.

# (D) <u>Fee Applications.</u>

- 1. A Professional who has received monthly payments under this Order must, at four-month intervals (the "Interim Fee Period") or such other intervals directed by the Court, file and serve on the parties listed in subdivision (A)(1) an interim application under § 331 of the Bankruptcy Code for allowance of the compensation and reimbursement of the expenses sought in the Monthly Fee Statements issued during the applicable period (the "Interim Fee Application").
- 2. Interim Fee Applications must be filed and served on or before the 45th day after the end of the Interim Fee Period for which the application seeks allowance of fees and reimbursement of expenses. The Interim Fee Application must include a summary of the Monthly Fee Statements that are the subject of the request and any other information requested by the Court or required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, applicable Third Circuit Law, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and the UST Guidelines.
- 3. The pendency of an objection or the entry of a Court order holding that the prior payment of compensation or the reimbursement of expenses was improper as to a particular Monthly Fee Statement will not disqualify a Professional from the future payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses as set forth above, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- 4. Any Professional who fails to file an Interim Fee Application when due will be ineligible to receive further interim payments of fees or expenses under the Compensation Procedures until such time as the Interim Fee Application is submitted.
- 5. Neither (i) the payment of or the failure to pay, in whole or in part, interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses under the Compensation Procedures nor (ii) the filing of, or failure to file, an objection to any Monthly Fee Statement to any Interim Fee Application will bind any party in interest or the Court with respect to

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the final applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of Professionals.

- 6. Any party under subdivision (A)(1) may request that a Professional deliver a Monthly Fee Statement or an Interim Fee Application in an electronically searchable format mutually acceptable to the parties.
- 3. All Professionals that are law firms shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. Section 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of November 1, 2013, in connection with any Monthly Fee Statements, Interim Fee Applications and final fee applications to be filed in these Chapter 11 Cases. All Professionals that are law firms shall provide any and all Monthly Fee Statements, Interim Fee Applications and final fee applications in "LEDES" format to the U.S. Trustee.
- 4. The Debtors shall include all payments to Professionals on their monthly operating reports, detailed to state the amount paid to each Professional.
- 5. This Order and the provisions of the Professional Fee Account shall be binding upon the Debtors, their estates and any chapter 7 or 11 trustee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases or any subsequent trustee in any other case(s).
- 5. 6. Time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).
- 6. 7. Each member of the Committee shall be permitted to submit statements of expenses (excluding third-party counsel expenses of individual Committee members) and

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supporting vouchers to the Committee's counsel, which counsel will collect and submit the Committee members' requests for reimbursement in accordance with the Compensation Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision only permits the committee member to request reimbursement and does not extend to any representative purporting to act on behalf of the committee member.

- 8. All fees and expenses paid to Professionals are subject to disgorgement untilsuch time as they are allowed pursuant to a final Order of this Court.
  - 8. 9. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out this Order.
- 9. 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.

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